

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-21, 26, and 28-29 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 30-33 as follows:

30 (new). The plant of claim 22, in which the *SHORT-ROOT* promoter comprises a nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:4.

31 (new). An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

32 (new). An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes over its full length under high stringency conditions to the *SHORT-ROOT* promoter which comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and promotes stele-specific expression in root, and wherein the high stringency conditions comprise hybridization to filter-bound DNA in a buffer composed of 6X SSC, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA, 0.02% PVP, 0.02% Ficoll, and 0.02% BSA at 65°C, and washing in a solution composed of 2X SSC, 0.01% PVP, 0.01% Ficoll, and 0.01% BSA at 68°C.

33 (new). An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes over its full length under high stringency conditions to the *SHORT-ROOT* promoter which comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and promotes stele-specific expression in hypocotyl, and wherein the high stringency conditions comprise hybridization to filter-bound DNA in a buffer composed of 6X SSC, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA, 0.02% PVP, 0.02% Ficoll, and 0.02% BSA at 65°C, and washing in a solution composed of 2X SSC, 0.01% PVP, 0.01% Ficoll, and 0.01% BSA at 68°C.